ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 9th, 2025 | Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome | Painting by: Pieter Bruegel

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed Sunday to you all! As we celebrate the dedication of the Church, which is "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world," it is an opportunity for us to celebrate the unity which the Catechism says is "of the essence of the Church" (CCC 813).

We can look to the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium, as a launching point for our understanding of the Church as a source, instrument, and realization of unity in God's plan. "The Church, in Christ, is like a sacrament–a sign and instrument, that is of communion with God and of the unity among all men" (LG 1). This is the goal of the Church in the world, and thus the ultimate goal of our Church, St. John the Baptist in Ypsilanti. To illustrate this point, we can look at how our Church is both a holy temple and the household of God.

Temples, throughout all human history, have been seen as the dwelling place of God (or gods) here on earth (cf. 2 Chronicles 5). So, too, our church is a dwelling place of God, the sacramental presence of Jesus under the veil of bread. Here we can come and worship, be assured that we are coming into the presence of God, and be united with him through our prayer. It is the communion with Christ that integrates us into his mystical body and directly contributes to the next image for the Church.

The Church is also meant to be an image of the household of God, within which all peoples can gather together in peace and charity. Our unity and harmony as a community is founded first and foremost upon the love and grace of Jesus Christ, or perhaps more fitting for the image of the household, the love and mercy of God the Father. We come to support and encourage one another and also serve the wider community. Baptism initiates us into God's family, making us sons and daughters of God, and the Church is the home where we gather to share and celebrate that love which God has shown us.

These are only two of the aspects of the life of the Church, that is to say two ways, among many, which help us to understand the great mystery which is the Church established by Jesus Christ. But it is important for us to revisit these images and make sure that we remain committed to the Church as she is, not as we wish she would be. When we come to Church we have the opportunity to enter deeper unity with God and with our brothers and sisters. Let us pray today that this unity might be strengthened throughout the world and that the Church will continue to be a sign and instrument of that unity.

God Bless You, *Fr. Jack*

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	8:30 AM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP for
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SCHOLARS

Evangelized Through Education: A Family's Catholic Journey

By: Shelby and Sean Salminen

Hello Saint John the Baptist Parishioners,

My name is Shelby Salminen and I, along with my husband, Sean, and 3 our daughters, Mayleen (7), Natalie (5), and Celine (2) were blessed to experience Catholic school life from 2022-2025.

Growing up, I was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church but unfortunately had a limited understanding of the faith and fell away after my confirmation. I met my husband while attending Ypsilanti High School and we were married in 2012 while studying to become elementary teachers at EMU. We spent the early part of our life together as evangelical Protestants, working as teachers and traveling the world. As Christian teachers, we witnessed firsthand how great an impact a school environment and a teacher can have on a child's life.

We moved back to Ypsilanti in 2017, and for the next several years, we were active members of a local Protestant church. However, I slowly started to feel like something was missing in my relationship with the Lord and began taking a closer look at Catholicism. Meanwhile, our oldest daughter became school-age. We knew we wanted her to be in an environment that supported the Christian values we were trying to model at home. Since Huron Valley Catholic School was the only Christian school in Ypsilanti, and we had heard so many great things about it, my husband agreed that it seemed like a good option for us. It wasn't like he was going to join the Church or anything! (Don't you love God's humor?) So in 2022, we decided to enroll in the spirit of being ecumenical.

The next three years in Catholic Schools were one of the greatest tools for the evangelization of our family. Seeing the faith lived out daily by the principal, staff, and families revealed the authenticity, beauty, and joy of the Catholic faith. Their example helped dismantle many misconceptions we once held and invited us into a deeper understanding of Christ and His Church. In June, we entered the Catholic Church as a family surrounded by Catholic school staff, classmates, and friends.

Though we are currently homeschooling, we continue to champion Catholic education and support the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign because the Catholic church in all of its beautiful parts, especially its Catholic schools, is the face of Jesus and the power of God to transform little souls and whole families into future saints. Our family is a living testament to the amazing grace and mercy of the Lord given through Catholic education. We are just one family whose life trajectory has been changed because of Catholic schools. One can only imagine how many other families are out there waiting to be brought into the fold if only given expanded access through these campaign initiatives. The harvest is truly plentiful; let us be the faithful laborers for this harvest.

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DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE ADORATION EVERY WEEK?

Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
9:00 AM - 5:45 PM	8:45 AM - 9:00 PM	12:00 - 5:00 PM

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WEEKLY COMMITTED ADORERS NEEDED

Open spots include:

- Tuesdays at 12 PM
- Fridays at 3PM
- All times need a third committed adorer
- We always need more adorers for First Friday All-Night Adoration

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NOVEMBER 22ND

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Please note: This movie is for mature audiences. Parental discretion is advised.

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
TIME: 6:30 PM (FOLLOWING THE 5:00 PM VIGIL MASS)
LOCATION: DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

BRING YOUR DINNER, FAVORITE MOVIE SNACKS, AND A COMFY CHAIR

NEXT WEEK

WORSHIP NIGHT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
6:30pm
in the Sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

SJ Beat

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
7pm
at the Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100
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ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
5PM THROUGH
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH,
7:45AM
IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

SIGN UP FOR DECEMBER ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

CAMPUS MINISTRY

NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER

HELP OUR STUDENTS ATTEND SEEK 2026

Hello, my name is Kolbe Noch. Last year, my scholarship from SJB allowed me to attend *Empower*, a four-day experience where young adults are equipped and inspired to live out the mission of Jesus. I honestly did not expect to gain much from it, but I could not have been more wrong.

On the very first night, I received prophetic words that touched the deepest part of my heart. Jesus told me to revisit old childhood dreams that I had once given up on. And that was only the first night. From then on, I began to notice the Holy Spirit and how He was calling me to open myself up in new ways to the Lord. God showed me His love in ways I had never experienced before. Furthermore, He revealed lies I had unknowingly allowed myself to believe and healed me from them. God showed me how my view of the Father had become distorted and allowed me to rediscover the great love and mercy the Father has for me. He also deepened my relationships with the friends who attended the conference with me. I had no idea what plans He had in store.

When I left Empower, I was on fire for Jesus, and I knew He was working powerfully in my life. A year later, I know my life would not be the same if I had not gone.

Today, I live in a Catholic men's household with two of the friends I went to Empower with. They are a joy to live with and help me grow in a more intimate relationship with God every day. It took a lot of trust in God to get to where I am now—and that trust began at Empower.

This year, I cannot wait to join my brothers and sisters in encountering the Lord at SEEK.

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"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

November 10th.....Sacraments: Penance

November 17th.....Sacraments: Matrimony and Holy Orders

November 24th.....Liturgical Calendar - Seasons, Liturgy (Differences in the Mass)

November 30th.....1st Sunday Advent

December 1st.....Walk Through the Mass Pt 1

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN TO SEE THE FULL SCHEDULE...

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE

The St. John the Baptist Food Pantry is collecting frozen turkeys to help families in need celebrate Thanksgiving!

To donate and schedule a drop-off, please contact the office at pantry@ypsicatholic.org

Donations accepted through Thursday, November 20, the day of distribution. Thank you for helping make this Thanksgiving special for all!

BREAKFAST WITH HIS BRIDES

This special time invites mothers and daughters to encounter the beauty of religious life with the Sisters. Mothers—or other influential women—are encouraged to join their girls for prayer, a talk, and activities that foster connection with the Sisters. All are welcome, especially girls in grades K–8. Please RSVP via the QR code by December 1 for planning purposes.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
8 AM-11 AM (JOIN US FOR 8 AM MASS)
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
David Sell

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
12:15 PM:† Tom Cimino & Shirley McCully
Requested by Leanna McCully

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
8:00 AM: †Veta Ely
Requested by Andrea Oetjens

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
8:00 AM: †Fay Purcell
Requested by Andrew Mills

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
8:00 AM: Deceased Members of the Cimino & Maglia families
Requested by Leanna McCully

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
8:00 AM: † Pedro & Esther Esteva
Requested by Pedro & Toni Esteva

5 PM:† Bruce Ridley
Requested by Brice Ridley

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
9:00 AM: †John & Kathleen Higgins
Requested by Leah Higgins

11 AM: People of the Parish

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St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

November 13th, 2025

Maria Francesca Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850, two months prematurely, in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy. She was born into a large family, the youngest of thirteen children. Due to her premature birth, Frances was fragile and struggled with poor health for the majority of her life.

Early on, through the stories of great missionaries which her faith-filled father shared with her, Frances developed a deep desire to become a missionary herself. She was most inspired to travel to China one day and serve on mission.

Beginning in 1863, Frances attended a boarding school in Arluno, Italy, run by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart. There she studied to become a teacher and received her certificate when she graduated in 1868. During her time there, the students lived in the same convent as the religious sisters. Frances greatly cherished that time, as she was able to witness what it meant to live like a sister in a community devoted to the Christian life and, especially, in a life devoted to the Sacred Heart. After graduation, she petitioned to join the order, but due to her frail health, her request was denied.

Instead, a priest asked Frances to help teach at the House of Providence Orphanage in Codogono, Italy, with a group of other women. There, she formed a community of women in religious life. She took her vows in 1877, and took the name Xavier, after the great saint and missionary, Francis Xavier. In 1880, Frances cofounded her own order, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with seven other women. In its early years, the order established seven homes, a free school, and a nursery.

Frances was living out her vocation as a missionary, and like her childhood dream of going to China, she and her sisters prepared to go on mission there. However, after meeting with Pope Leo XIII, he told her that it would be better to go "not to the East, but to the West." Following his guidance, she set out for New York to help the thousands of Italian immigrants living there.

Despite many trials and tribulations, Frances obtained remarkable success in her mission. She established various schools and orphanages that cared for the poor and orphans. Her efforts were recognized throughout the United States and throughout the world, leading her to take 27 transatlantic journeys to places like Europe, Central, and South America. She established 67 institutions, including schools, hospitals, and orphanages, and worked tirelessly up until her death. She joined the Lord on December 22, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois. Her feast day is celebrated on November 13. She was named the patron saint of immigrants and hospital administrators.

— Written by Anna Njoku

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 15TH & NOVEMBER 16TH

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	Shawn Lenhardt	Fred Hall
Roger Michna	Jude Lussier	Steve Uram
Josh Reszke	Brenda Swan	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	John Urbanic
GREETERS		
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Marcy Muczynski
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTORS		
Kathy Badgerow	Patricia Gillay	Jack Lynch
Mike Weathers	Rebecca Lussier	Joe McKeone
SACRISTAN		
ADULT:	ADULT:	ADULT:
Therese Lasswell	Liz Richards	Judy Ramirez
JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
ALTAR SERVERS		
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Jordan Wells	Mathias Gentit	Michael Stolarski
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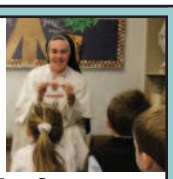

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